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SUBJECT: DUTCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES; VISIT OF
CONGRESSIONAL STAFFER RICHARD MALOW

REF: DUNN-STROTHER TELECON JULY 12

1. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER OF HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE,
HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES SUBCOMMITTEE RICHARD MALOW PLANS
TO VISIT THE NETHERLANDS AUGUST 24-28 TO SEE AND DISCUSS
LATEST DUTCH ACTIVITIES AND PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND
OPERATION OF ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. HE
IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN TERTIARY TREATMENT, WHICH IS
REMOVAL OF PHOSPHOROUS AND NITROGEN, IN ADDITION TO MORE
CONVENTIONAL SECONDARY TREATMENT, WHICH IS USE OF AERATION
AND BACTERIAL DIGESTING OF WASTES.

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2. HE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN DUTCH-DEVELOPED OXIDATION
DITCH SYSTEMS FOR TREATMENT OF EFFLUENTS FROM SMALL
(POPULATION 500-5000) COMMUNITIES. AN ADVANCED DESIGN OF
THIS SYSTEM, KNOWN AS A CARROUSEL, HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY
DWARS, HEEDRIK, EN VERHEY BV, AMERSFOORT. VISITOR WISHES
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECONOMICS, EFFICACY, AND RELIABILITY
OF THIS SYSTEM.

3. MALOW ARRIVES AMSTERDAM MID-DAY AUGUST 24, EXACT ARRIVAL TIME NOT YET CONFIRMED. N.A.S.A. REQUESTING RESERVATION AT AMSTERDAM SONESTA HOTEL AND ARRANGING CAR AND DRIVER TO TAKE MALOW TO APPOINTMENTS. MALOW AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AND SITE VISITS ALL DAY FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, AND MOST OF MONDAY, AUGUST 28. MUST BE TO SCHIPHOL ABOUT 4:00 PM MONDAY. VISITS AND DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE ARRANGED TO ALLOW TIME FOR TRANSPORT FROM HOTEL IN MORNINGS.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY CONTACT APPROPRIATE GON AUTHORITIES AND ARRANGE FULL SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 25 AND 28. IF TIME BECOMES AVAILABLE FOR AFTERNOON OF 24TH, DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE EMBASSY. WOULD EXPECT PRINCIPAL CONTACTS TO BE:

(A) RIJKSINSTITUT VOOR ZUIVERING VAN AFVALWATER, VOORBURG;
(B) APPROPRIATE ELEMENT OF T.N.O.;
(C) APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL(S) IN MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.

5. PLEASE CAPTION REPLY "FOR NASA AND EPA"

6. EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED. VANCE

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